(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's policy for setting up of non-formal education centres; and

(c) what is the number of adult and non-formal education centres running smoothly in the country, particularly in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Continuing Education Centres (CECs) which target Adult non-literates and neo-literates in the age group of 15-35 years are established under the scheme of Continuing Education. Under the scheme 101563 Continuing Education Centres have been sanctioned so far in the country for operationlisation including 12105 in Maharasthra. The efforts of the Government are to bring all the districts of the country under the scheme of Continuing Education by the end of Tenth Plan.The powers to sanction Continuing Education projects are vested in the respective State Literacy Mission Authorities.

The scheme of Non-Formal Education has been revised as the Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS & AIE), as part of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan targetting the universalisation of Elementary Education for the age group of 6-14 years and made opeartional w.e.f. 1.4.2001. Hence no funding is being provided to the erstwhile Non Formal Education Centre with effect from 1.4.2001. So far 62077 Alternative Schools/EGS centres have been sanctioned for operationalisation in the country, including 3480 in Maharashtra.

Operational Parameters of NVS

1852. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General, in its latest report, has observed that the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has not succeeded so far in establishing its own operational parameters, for promoting excellence through model educational institutions, since its inception in 1986; and

(b) if so, the what context such an observation was made, indicating the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas set up so far in each State and Union Territory, and the steps taken to make the scheme a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CAG findings relating to NVS are being examined.

Unauthorised pensionary benefits in KVS

1853. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some PGTs of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who neither possessed essential teaching degree at the time of their initial appointment as PGTs, etc. nor did they acquire it until their superannuation, have been drawing pensionary benefits unauthorizedly;

(b) if so, the details such PGTs who had been posted in Jabalpur and Bhopal Regions at the time of their superannuation; and

(c) whether any action has been taken/contemplated against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) For the post of PGTs, the possession of teaching degree was earlier relaxable as per circular No. 10-2/65-C.S.U. dated 8.3.1965 of Ministry of Education (Central School Unit), government of India. Accordingly, a few teachers having no teaching degree were appointed in terms of these orders.

(b) The details of two such PGTs who were posted in Jabalpur and Bhopal Regions are as under:—

Sl.No.	*Name*	*Date of Appointment*	*Retired on*
1.	Shri S.K. Pastone	07.07.1966	31.05.1999
2.	Shri R.S. Patel	19.11.1966	31.12.1997

(c) Question does not arise.